

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1) (Original) Pressing iron having a sole plate (1) and a heating body (2) provided with a heating element (201), the heating body (2) comprising a first steam chamber (210) used for ordinary ironing and a second steam chamber (220 ; 230) used to obtain a surplus of steam when the iron is in the horizontal position or a jet of steam when the iron is in the vertical position, said second steam chamber (220 ; 230) being fed with liquid by means of a manual pump actuated by the user and being associated with a steam circuit (223) ending in a set of steam openings in the sole plate, characterized in that, when the iron is held vertically, the second steam chamber (220 ; 230) functions as a steam generator of the boiler type and in that, in this vertical position of the iron, the second steam chamber (220 ; 230) presents a form adapted to retain the liquid injected by the pump before its conversion into steam, the form of the second steam chamber (220 ; 230) being such that the heat exchange surface between the injected liquid and the walls (3, 221, 222; 3, 231) of

said second steam chamber (220 ; 230) is smaller when the iron is in the vertical position than when the iron is in the horizontal position.

2) (Original) Pressing iron according to claim 1, characterized in that the second steam chamber (230) is delimited by at least one wall (231) whose form and thickness are such that, in operation, the thermal energy stored in the wall (231) is greater toward the front of the sole plate (1) than toward the rear of the sole plate (1).

3) (Original) Pressing iron according to claim 2, characterized in that the thickness of the lower wall (231) of the second steam chamber (230) is greater toward the front of sole plate than toward the rear of the sole plate.

4) (Currently amended) Pressing iron according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, characterized in that the second steam chamber (230) has a side wall (232) near to the heating element (201) that is at least locally isolated from the heating body (2) by a layer of air.

5) (Currently amended) Pressing iron according to
~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, characterized in that the
second steam chamber (220 ; 230) is delimited by side walls
(222; 232) connected to lower (221; 231) and upper (3) walls
disposed parallel to the sole plate (1), and in that the side
wall(222; 232) nearest to the front of the iron has an opening
(224) connecting the second steam chamber (220 ; 230) to the
steam circuit (223).

6) (Original) Pressing iron according to claim 5,
characterized in that said opening (224) has a passage cross
section calibrated to retard the steam flow leaving the second
steam chamber (220).

7) (Original) Pressing iron according to claim 6,
characterized in that said opening (224) has an added element
(225) of plastic material or rubber that determines said
passage cross section.

8) (Original) Pressing iron according to claim 7,
characterized in that said added element (225) has a
cylindrical part (225a) extending toward the interior of the
steam chamber (220).

9) (Currently amended) Pressing iron according to
~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~claim 1, characterized in that the
temperature of the walls of the second steam chamber (220;
230) is lower than 150°C.

10) (Currently amended) Pressing iron according to
~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~claim 1, characterized in that the
volume of the second steam chamber (220; 230) corresponds to
several times the volume of liquid injected by the pump with
each actuation by the user.

11) (Currently amended) Pressing iron according to
~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~claim 1, characterized in that the
second steam chamber (220; 230) has a lower wall, disposed
parallel to the sole plate (1), having projecting elements
(221a; 231c) increasing the heat exchange surface with the
liquid injected into said chamber when the iron rests
horizontally on its sole plate.

12) (Currently amended) Pressing iron according to
~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~claim 1, characterized in that the
volume of the second steam chamber (220; 230) is about 5 ml

and the volume of liquid injected by the pump at each actuation is about 1 ml.